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IVCI announces “Violins of Hope” exhibit, part of its 11th Quadrennial International Forum on Violins

*A four-component exhibit focuses on violins and other stringed instruments
which tell the stories of a lost generation of Jews during World War II*

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INDIANAPOLIS – In tandem with its 11th Quadrennial Competition, the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) will present an exhibition in four components focusing on **Violins of Hope**, a collection of 70 violins, violas and cellos compiled since the end of World War II. Each instrument was a symbol of hope during the Holocaust, belonging to Jews before and during the war. Father and son violin makers Amnon and Avshalom Weinstein collected the instruments from survivors and lovingly restored them for exhibitions and concerts throughout the world. “Indianapolis is privileged to present this exhibit, which will only be seen in a limited number of U.S. cities on this tour, including Portland (Maine), New York, San Francisco and Chicago,” says IVCI Executive Director Glen Kwok.

James A. Grymes, the musicologist who encapsulated the Weinstains’ project in his book “Violins of Hope,” will speak Saturday, August 27 at Butler University. Avshalom Weinstein will give a presentation about the project on September 24. The violins themselves will be exhibited at the Rhythm! Discovery Center from August 26 through September 26.

Violins of Hope Exhibit

August 26 – September 26, 2022

Rhythm! Discovery Center

110 West Washington Street, Suite A

This exhibition focuses on a collection of stringed instruments that survived the Holocaust, serving as educators, reminders and memorials for those who succumbed to the atrocities of Nazi Germany during World War II. Percussive Arts Society and Rhythm! Discovery Center Executive Director Joshua Simonds is “thrilled to be able to partner with the IVCI and its 11th Quadrennial Competition to exhibit this historical collection for the Indianapolis community.” For ticket information, visit <https://shop.pas.org/> or call (317) 275-9030.

The following events are free to the public.

Presentation by James A. Grymes, author of “Violins of Hope”

Saturday, August 27, 2022 | 7:30 PM



Schrott Center for the Arts | Butler University
610 West 46th Street

Respected musicologist and author James A. Grymes will speak about his book, "Violins of Hope: Violins of the Holocaust – Instruments of Hope and Liberation in Mankind's Darkest Hour." Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Concertmaster Kevin Lin will give a performance of John Williams' Theme from "Schindler's List" on one of the historic violins.

Juliek's Violin

Thursday, September 22, 2022 | 7:00 PM
Jewish Community Center, Laikin Auditorium
6701 Hoover Road

Pianist, educator and son of Holocaust survivors Jeffrey Jamner will present a performance lecture in conjunction with the Violins of Hope exhibit with violinist Shoshana Kay.

An "Inside" Look into the Violins of Hope Collection

Saturday, September 24, 2022 | 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center
Frank and Katrina Basile Theater
450 West Ohio Street

Join violin maker Avshalom Weinstein as he shares the very personal journey he and his father shared in the creation of the Violins of Hope collection.

Patrons may contact the IVCI offices at (317) 637-4574 or ivci@violin.org with any questions regarding these exhibition events or the 2022 Competition.

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